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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the IPER claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 1, replace "diagnostic test" (line 1) and "test" (line 2) with --method--, and delete ", such as a human,".

In claims 2 and 3, replace "Diagnostic test" with --Method--.

In claims 11-12, insert, at the beginning of the claim, --Method of claim 1, comprising--, and delete ", such as a human,".

Rewrite claim 13 as follows:

13 (amended). A method of immunizing a mammal against Chlamydia pneumoniae which comprises [Use] use of an immunologically effective amount of a protein with the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NOL:8, SEQ

